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TAGS: ILO, AORG

SUBJECT: ILO GOVERNING BODY ELECTIONS AT JUNE 1975 ILO
CONFERENCE

1. SUMMARY. AMBASSADOR REQUESTED TO INFORM ILO/DG
BLANCHARD THAT USG ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO HOLDING GB
ELECTIONS AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE IN CONFERENCE, PREFERABLY
MONDAY, JUNE 9, AND SEEK DG ASSISTANCE IN ACHIEVING EARLY
SCHEDULING OF ELECTION. END SUMMARY.

2. DURING INFORMAL CONSULTATION AMONG REPRESENTATIVES OF
U.S. GOVERNMENT, WORKER AND EMPLOYER INTERESTS IN THE ILO,
IT WAS AGREED THAT IT ESSENTIAL GOVERNING BODY ELECTION BE
HELD AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE IN CONFERENCE. WHILE RECOGNIZING
THAT ELECTION RESULTS WILL LEAVE SOME DELEGATES DISCONTENTED
AND PERHAPS VINDICTIVE, GREATER PROBLEMS WILL ARISE IF THE
ELECTION NOT HELD EARLY AND IS USED TO PRESSURE CANDIDATES
CONCERNING THEIR POSITIONS ON OTHER MAJOR POLITICAL ISSUES
SUCH AS PLO, STRUCTURE, RESOLUTIONS, ETC. ALSO, THE LATER
THE ELECTION, THE GREATER THE OPPORTUNITY TO ORGANIZE
CAMPAIGNS TO UPSET EMPLOYER AND WORKER ELECTION SLATES AND
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STRATEGIES.

3. U.S. EMPLOYERS AND WORKERS WILL PRESS FOR SUPPORT OF
EARLY ELECTIONS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE GROUPS AND SEEK STRONG

POSITION FOR EARLY ELECTION BY THEIR RESPECTIVE VICE
PRESIDENTS OF THE CONFERENCE AND SPOKESMEN IN SELECTIONS
COMMITTEE.

4. WE HOPE DIRECTOR GENERAL WILL AGREE THAT EARLY
ELECTION ALSO SERVES THE INTERESTS OF THE OFFICE, AND WILL
EXERT HIS INFLUENCE TOWARD ACHIEVING AN EARLY SCHEDULING.

5. MISSION REQUESTED REPORT DG'S REACTION ASAP. KISSINGER

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